not allowed admission. The receipts are always issued for the fees deposited by the students.

(d) In view of the above, question does not arise.

Elections for the post of Directors of the Board of Homoeopathic System of Medicine

2399. SHRI N. E. BALARAM : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether election for the Directors (six) of the Board of Homoeopathic System of Medicine were held on 10th October, 1992 for which nominations were filed on 22nd September, 1992;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that as per rules, a candidate has to fulfil certain formalities while filing nomination form;

(d) if so, whether the candidates fulfilled all those condition.

(e) whether his attention has been drawn to a news-item report in Hindi Jansatta (Delhi) dated 9th October, 1992 in this regard;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) what is the Government's reaction thereto and steps taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) to (g) The information is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

Shortage of Doctors in Primary Health Centres and Health Units in Arunachal Pradesh

2400. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the acute shortage of doctors in the Primary Health Centres and Health Units in Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a number of C.G.H.S. doctors, particularly local tribal doctors, are not willing to work in the interior villages of the State;

(c) whether Government propose to take corrective steps in the matter; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) Yes, Sir. Out of 350 sanctioned posts of Medical Officers of all categories, 99 posts are lying vacant. Details are as follows :

	Sanctioned	Vacant
Allopathy . .	313	89
Homoeopathy . .	35	10
Ayurvedic . .	2	Nil

(b) There is no C.G.H.S. unit in Arunachal Pradesh. In general, there is no complaint of the doctors refusing to work in interior villages of the state excepting a few isolated cases.

(c) and (d) The State Government is taking corrective steps in the matter. These include :—

(i) implementation of Arunachal Pradesh Health Service Cadre Rules notified in 1990.

(ii) recruitment through Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Commission by open advertisement to fill up the vacancies.

(iii) sending candidates for study in MBBS/BHMS Courses in different States of India under central pool allotted Seats and privately arranged seats.

(iv) requesting Govt. of India to postpone proposed repatriation of CHS doctors posted in Arunachal Pradesh who have not opted for Arunachal Pradesh Health Service cadre.